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DOCUMENTS

Diary of Colonel and Mrs. I. N. Ebey

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Wednesday 9 [June, 1852.]

Wind still continued to blow, quite cool. Evening very windy and cool. Mr. White and another gentleman stayed all night at our house this evening.

Thursday 10

Morning very calm and pleasant very light breeze west. A vessel seen at a distance coming up. Mr. W. & his partner left this morning for Port Townsend Mr Dray came this morning bound for Townsend. Two vessels in sight this morning in the Straits I suppose outward bound. Evening cloudy with some rain falling which will be very good for vegetation as the ground is very dry.

Friday 11th

Morning cloudy, we had a fine shower of rain last night and this morning we finished setting out cabbage plants. A vessel still in sight in the Straits. Come up and anchored in Port Townsend supposed to be the Schooner Damerisuvo. [Demaris Cove. See note on page 244.]

Saturday 12

Morning very pleasant attempted to raft our board timber and failed could not get raft afloat Day verry warm— Schooner Damerasuvo left Port Townsend this morning with a light wind south, outward bound. Col Moses,¹² H Wilson,¹³ Wilton¹⁴ came

¹² By an act approved February 14, 1851, the collection district of Puget Sound was created and Simpson P. Moses of Ohio was appointed collector. He arrived at Port Townsend on November 10, and shortly afterward appointed Isaac N. Ebey and Henry C. Wilson inspectors. Moses gained prominence in his efforts to rescue the goldseekers who had been captured on Queen Charlotte island by Haidah Indians, and by his libel of the Hudson's Bay Company's vessels Beaver and Mary Dare. He was not a success politically and was removed, his successor being Ebey.

¹³ Henry C. Wilson. He was at this time inspector of customs for Port Townsend. Previously he had been a clerk for Lafayette Balch. He filed on a claim at Port Townsend in August, 1850, but failed to patent it. He was successful with his second claim, filed at that same port on April 19, 1852.

¹⁴ William Wilton. He came to the Sound from San Francisco in December, 1850, and engaged in the business of cutting piles on the shores north of Stellacoom, but the enterprise resulted in failure.

over to day from Port Townsend with two Sailers and two Indians, remained all night.

Sunday 13

Morning cool I think there was frost last night as I see some of fern wilted as with frost Visited Col Crocketts accompayned by Col Moses and others who remained until after dinner when Maj Show came over and they accompaynid him to Coveland.¹⁵ Day verry pleasant Schooner "Chatborough"¹⁶ came up this evening—

Monday 14th

Morning pleasant, a little cool, employed hauling board timber Schooner Chatborough passed down about 12 oclock M & continued beating about in the Inlet all afternoon and finally anchored under Point Wilson. Fresh wind from west all evening.

Tuesday 15

Col Moses & Mr Wilson came in last night after we had all gone to bed. the Col wished to get to the Chatborough but the wind blue too hard. Morning pleasant the Schooner got under way this morneing about sunrise and made her way out on the ebb tide. Col Moses and Wilson started this morning after breakfast & start for Olympia— A Schooner this morneing is trying to make her way up the Inlet with a fare breeze and the tide is trying to keep her back I think the tide is successful as I see She is gradually dropping back. Mr. Ebey started to Olympia to day and I am very lonely all day as the boys are hauling timber a great ways off.

Wednesday 16

The above named vessel was seen early this morning making her way up the Straits and succeeded in passing on up the Sound to day She was supposed to be the George Emory.¹⁷ This is a beautiful clear day. in the evening the wind raised strongly from the west and was very cold for the season of the year.

Thursday 17th

Morning very foggy wind west after the fog went off the day has been very pleasant— Mrs. Crockett visited me to day and

¹⁵ Coveland was a townsite venture of Dr. R. C. Lansdale, who laid out the place on March 31, 1852. Coveland was not advantageously situated for a town and never amounted to much, although several enterprising persons attempted to make it boom.

¹⁶ The schooner *Cadboro* was a Hudson's Bay Company boat and had been on this station since 1827.

¹⁷ The *George Emory* was brought to these waters from San Francisco by her captain, Lafayette Balch.

I spent my time very agreeably Thomas¹⁸ & William¹⁹ went to Mr. Digges²⁰ to grind their axes—

Friday 18th

Morning very pleasant. The boys have commenced the pailings to day. All well.

Saturday 19th

Today clear and uncomfortably warm. Maj. Show came this evening to get his watch and clothes to go to Mr— Crockett's. To-day Mr. Crockett brought us over a good chance of venison which was very kind. We have a mild Sea breeze to day the water is very calm. A great deal of smoke is to be seen on the other side which I suppose is caused by the indians burning the woods.

Sunday 20

Day very warm and clear flies are very bad about the cattle; we had seen none of account until yesterday and today. Old Slalack and his indians have just arrived from Vicktoria I suppose they have come to work his potatoes.²¹ How pleasant it would be to have preaching to go to these beautiful long Sabbath days and Sabbath school for our children to go to I live in hopes of having such advantages in a year or two.

Monday 21st

Morning very cloudy, and looks very much like rain; a strong cool breeze from the west Evening more pleasant and clear— A vessel came down the Sound to day and anchored at Port Townsend About 4 o'clock in the afternoon a vessel was seen in the Straits coming up; The wind being very favorable she soon sailed passed and out of sight. We took her to be the Exact.

Tuesday 22nd

Morning clear and warm two brigs and a Schooner passed this day Mrs. Alexander²² arrived here to day from off the Schooner

¹⁸ Thomas Davis.

¹⁹ William Alexander. See, *post*, note 22.

²⁰ W. H. Diggs. He left the island shortly after and entered the employ of Lafayette Balch.

²¹ The Indians had acquired their knowledge of agriculture from the Hudson's Bay Company, who since 1833 had employed many of them as laborers on their various farms. The potatoes mentioned are described as small, of rough skin, but delicious in taste, and far superior to present commercial varieties.

²² John Alexander was born on October 8, 1805, and was married to Frances Sharp (born June 6, 1818) on January 1, 1832. At the time of his migration he had two children: William, born on January 3, 1834, and John S., born on July 23, 1836. The family crossed the plains to Portland and on November 5, 1851, took passage for Puget Sound, where they selected their claim on August 1, 1852. Shortly afterwards, on November 13, Abraham Lansdale Alexander was born, his being the third birth among the settlers on the island. William Alexander married in Peoria, Illinois, and

Mary Taylor; her husband with his cattle and other property and Mr Smith²³ and Mr Bonsel²⁴ are coming down in scows. We are looking also for Mrs. Bonsel and Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Boysover²⁵ from Port Townsend who also came down from Olympia on the Mary Taylor.

Wednesday 23

Day clear and moderately warm. Dr. Lansdale, Mr. Howe & Capt. Fay,²⁶ came over and brought us two letters from the States one from W. Ebey dated March the 5th the other from Mary²⁷ dated March 29th They gave me a great deal of satisfaction as they stated Mother & sister, brothers & aunt are all coming to this country this year. We are very rejoiced to hear it. and sorry to hear the balance of our relatives cannot come until next season. We must prepare to meet those who are coming. Thomas & William Alaxander have almost completed the yard and have quit working at it to finish Thomas' house for Mr. A. to move into until they get theirs built.

Thursday 24th

This morning Maj Show came over to cover Mr. Bonseles house for his family to go into but finding it was quite open he gave it out until Mr. B. comes. About 10 o'clock to day Mrs. Bonsel and Mrs. Smith arrived here off the Schooner from Port Townsend with their families They will stay here until their husbands arrive I find them to be very fine ladies and good company. This morning was very foggy but towards 12 o'clock the fog disappeared and it was very pleasant until towards evening when the wind raised and was very cold.

had four children. John S. married Anna Lanning of Port Townsend on December 28, 1870, and had nine children. John Alexander, the father, died on September 9, 1858, and his widow married Captain R. C. Fay. She died on March 10, 1902.

²³ Jacob Smith. He filed a claim on October 10, 1852, and he should not be confused with Joseph Smith who came a year later and for whom Smith's prairie was named. Jacob Smith and his family left the island and went to Thurston county. Cordella Smith married Nathaniel Crosby.

²⁴ H. H. Bancroft, *History of Washington*, p. 30, spells the name "Bonswell." The family left the island, as related in the diary, and probably left the Sound.

²⁵ Identity not ascertained.

²⁶ Captain Robert C. Fay. He was born in Vermont in 1820, and in September, 1851, in company with John N. Low, Lee Terry and David T. Denny, came to Alki Point, now part of the city of Seattle. His companions remained and are numbered with the founders of that city. Fay, however, preferred the island and, although he did not take a claim, made it his residence for the remainder of his life. He was never identified with marine affairs on these waters, but became quite prominent in the Indian service. In 1863, he married the widow of John Alexander. His death occurred on February 25, 1872.

²⁷ Mary Ebey Wright. See the introduction to this diary in the July number of the Quarterly.

Friday 25th

Morning foggy and pleasant day clear and comfortably warm Thomas and William have completed riving boards and hewing puncheons and have gone to cover the house all well

Saturday 26th

Morning cold and very thick heavy fog we could not see the bay for the fog there seemed to be a thick black cloud all over the water. Mrs. S. to day went over to Port Townsend to day to get her things off the vessel. Evening very cool. the boys have covered Thomas' house and laid the floor so Mr. Alaxander can live in it

Sunday 27

Morning very pleasant and day warm A good breeze west. Mrs. Smith arrived from Port T. this morning by breakfast A vessel seen last evening going up. We have plenty of company four families of us here 12 children in one house almost enough for a school Samuel Crockett came over in the forenoon and staid a while. He said his father was intending to move to morrow to his own claim. Two vessels passing at present one supposed to be the John Davis²⁸ going up the other is a Schooner going down the Sound. The ground is very dry and needs rains.

Monday 28th

Morning very foggy. Towards noon the wind raised from the west and blew all evening very hard. The water was covered with large white caps and looked very dangerous for one to be out in. We could distinguish a schooner through the thick mist upon the water going up towards P. T.²⁹ Today I succeeded in hiring six indians to work our potatoes after trying every one I saw for two weeks.

Tuesday 29th

Morning very pleasant but cloudy Mr. Crockett was here a few minutes this morning and wished us to send over after some fresh venison I supposed the reason of his tarrying such a short time was the sight of so many ladies in one house which is a very singular scene in Whidby's Island After dinner Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Bonsel, Cordelia Smith, all concluded to go out strawberry hunting and have Mrs. Smith to keep house and take care of the children. We walked over half a mile over to Mr. Bonsel's place

²⁸ The brig *John Davis*, Captain Plummer, of Port Townsend.

²⁹ Port Townsend.

and found a great many but we had not been there long before it commenced raining and drove us home through the wet weeds quite a wet disappointd set.

Wednesday 30th

Morning cloudy and a little rain but not enough to wet the ground through. Mr. Alaxander his son John with another gentleman arrived here this morning early they left the Scow yesterday evening ten miles above the landing and came in a canoe to the landing and stoped all night on the beach all well and safe. Evening pleasant and still cloudy Mr. Bonsel Mr. Alaxander and Mr. Smith, came this evening they had arrived in the Cove. To day I received two letters from Mr. Ebey and one from Winfield by Capt Bell from the Schooner Eagle I was much gratified to hear from all. The Eagle passed this evening C. Bell aboard.

Thursday, July the 1st.

Still cloudy and a little rain in the night. Wind south West. Old Mr. Crockett was here to day. Dr. Lansdale here a few minutes. Mrs. Alaxander moved to day. to Thomas' house.

Friday 2nd

Morning Cloudy with a few sprinkles of rain Mrs. Bonsel moved to her own house to day. Mrs. Smith and family left here for Capt. Bell's house We are very lonesome today after having so much company. Thomas gone to help William Alaxander dig a well Henry Wilson & Capt. Hachinson³⁰ of Schooner M. Taylor came over this evening and passed on to take a deer hunt. Evening nearly clear and very pleasant.

Saturday 3rd

Morning cloudy and very pleasant a little rain fell last night. Evening clear and moderately warm A great desire to see Mr. Ebey come from Oly. as we are very lonely since our female friends left Sold 3 pounds of butter to day. all in good health

Sunday 4th

Still cloudy and great appearance of rain; a little mist falling wind rather south but very light A large Sailing vessel passing slowly down the Sound. The appearance of the water is most beautiful this morning The surface is calm not a ripple or wave

³⁰ Captain Loren B. Hastings. He had filed a claim on Port Townsend on April 24, 1852, and with Charles C. Bachelder, A. A. Plummer and F. W. Pettygrove, became the founder of the city of that name. About that time he purchased the Columbia river pilot boat, **Mary Taylor**, which he placed on the run between the Sound and Portland.

to be seen except the serf which is slowly gliding towards the shore as regular as the pendulum of a clock ticks—but very gentle to what it is when the wind is high. This is a great day in some places We hear cannon firing from some Port or vessel up the Sound I think such things should be postponed until Monday as it is a great violation of the Sabbath. There are none here to day but Thomas myself. and the children it is a still & quiet Sabbath day.

Monday 5th

Day pleasant part of the day cloudy the ballance clear strong breeze south. Hired John Bartlet³¹ to commence hoeing out our late potatoes to day. Thomas is engaged digging a well upon his claim.

Tuesday 6th

Morning pleasant and a little cloudy towards noon the sun shone very brightly but towards evening the clouds became very thick and appeared very much like rain The ground is very dry and a little rain would be a great help.

Wednesday 7th

Morning rainy and quite cool. Wind wavering we had a good shower of rain yesterday evening Thomas J. Bartlet, and an indian, hoeing our potatoes to day Mr. J. Crocket here this morning after some tools.

Thursday 8th

Day pleasant Mr. Smith went to Port Townsend today for his things and brought from there this evening a letter from Mr. Ebey and some papers.

Friday 9th

Day fair and quite warm This evening at bed time Mr. Ebey arrived from Olympia accompanied by Mr. Bailey³² They were almost exhausted after having walked a great distance leaving their canoe and indians on account of high winds in the evening I was glad to see Mr. Ebey return but he is obliged to hurry off to Salem in a few days

Saturday 10th

Morning pleasant and warm nothing of importance occurred to day.

³¹ John and Thomas Bartlett. These two, who were brothers, grew tired of farming, and shortly afterwards left for San Francisco.

³² R. S. Bailey. He filed a claim on September 1, 1852.

Sunday 11th

This morning we all Mr. Ebey myself and children went with J. Crocket and his lady to Col. Crocket's for the first time since they moved to their own claim we had a very pleasant visit, and saw a good deal of pretty country.

Monday 12th

Day pleasant. Mr. Crocket and Samuel were here to day Mr. Baily the assessor went to Port T. today but did not return this evening as the wind is very high and blustery.

Tuesday 13th

Morning cloudy; wind west but very light Mr. Ebey started this morning for Olympia and is going from there to Salem to a called term of the legislature Will be gone nearly 2 months I was very sorry to see him start to be gone so long and he seemed very loth to go at this time in the season a very busy time for farmers.

Wednesday 14th

Morning very cold and looks very much like rain a very strong breeze from the South until towards noon when it became clear and very warm and but little wind Every kind of vegetation is fresh and green yet. Sold 2 lb. butter today and some bread

Thursday 15th

Morning cloudy but pleasant all day very lonesome no one not even an indian stirring except Mr. Wilson from Olympia who had camped on the shore with Mr. Hughes³³ and Mr. Brownfield³⁴ on their way to Dungeness they bought 50cts. worth of bread another man off a vessel at Port T. came over and bought 2½ pounds of butter and J. Bartlet one pound.

Friday 16th

Morning very cool for the season of the year day pleasant three vessels passed down the Sound today. Myself and the children went on a visit to Mr. Bonsel's this evening had a very pleasant visit Thomas was busy all day halling poles to fence the garden.

³³ Probably James M. Hughes who, with his family, arrived at Olympia on the *Exact*, in November, 1857. He subsequently became identified with Stellacoom.

³⁴ Daniel Fauber Brownfield. He had been very prominent in political affairs prior to his arrival at New Dungeness, where he filed a claim and became the second settler at that place.

Saturday 17th

The atmosphere is hazy and feels as if we would have rain soon all day cloudy and a strong south wind Thomas and Mr. Bonsel went to day to cut board timber Mr. B. concluded the task too hard and gave it out. Walter Crocket here this evening. all well.

Sunday 18th

Morning pleasant but cloudy at 12 o'clock it commenced raining and showered a little all evening To day I am very unwell scarcely able to sit up.

Monday 19th

Day pleasant and clear The children went to J. Crocket's this evening and Susan came home with them to stay all night. I am still scarcely able to do my work yet I have it to do.

Tuesday 20th

Susan stayed until evening and the little boys took her home I had such a pain in my side after they started that I could neither lie nor stand strait I did not know for some time what to do but at length it gradually became better.

Wednesday 21

I felt so unwell this morning that Thomas went after the Dr. who came and gave me some medicine which he thought would help me. he thought my condition quite a serious one He said I ought to quit labour and try to get well. Today pleasant some South wind.

Thursday 22

This is a very pleasant day I have not been able to write for several days until today I feel some better today but very weak A Steamer passed this evening supposed to be the Hudson Bay steamer Beaver.³⁵ Eason is 8 years old today.

Friday 23rd

I have lost a day in this week occasioned by my illness. It was this evening the Steamer passed here she proved to be the U. S. Surveying Steamer Active³⁶ surveying the coasts of Oregon and California. The weather at this time is quite cool for the time in the year.

³⁵ The Beaver was the first steam-propelled vessel on the Pacific coast.

³⁶ The work of the coast survey in this territory was commenced at Shoalwater Bay, now Willapa Harbor, and was in charge of two persons: Lieutenant James Alden (hydrography) and George Davidson (topography).

Saturday 24th

We have south wind today which is good for those who are traveling down the Sound a boat full of men came over to the Island from the Steamer (which is anchored at P. Townsend) yesterday evening on a deer hunting expedition I have not been able to cook but very little for some time Mrs. Bonsel's little girl Rebecca stays with me all the time Mrs. B. herself came over this evening and baked me some bread and pies and got supper. just as we were ready to eat supper the Dr. on board of the steamer Active and the engineer came and they took supper The Doctor is a very intelligent looking man.

Sunday 25th

Morning cool as usual day pleasant Mrs. Alexander came over today and Mr. A. and Dr. Lansdale who left me a little medicine and thinks I am out of danger He wishes to start next week across the mountains if I am well enough for Thomas to leave. I cough some and have a very bad pain in my sides.

Monday 26th

All day quite cool Thermometer 65 degrees The weather in the States is, at this season of the year oppressively hot but this is an uncommon cool season for this country. everything seems to grow very fast

Thursday 29th

From Monday until this time I have not been able to write but today I feel a great deal better than I have done since I took sick Last night was almost as cool as any night we had last winter early this morning was uncomfortably cool but today is a beautiful pleasant day clear and but little wind stirring Cordelia Smith is with me now helping me to do my work until I get stout again Dr. Lansdale was over this morning to see when Thomas could start across the mountains But T. cannot leave until the scow comes we hear she is on her way down We must hear from Mr. Ebey first Thomas was digging at his well yesterday he has it 26 ft. and no water yet Today he is cutting poles to fix the garden fence to keep the cattle out which seems to be almost an impossibility.

Friday 30th

This morning is very cold Thermometer about as low as 58 degrees above zero day clear and pleasant Capt. Porter³⁷ and Capt

³⁷ Dana H. Porter. He removed to Port Ludlow, where he was inspector of spars until he died in March, 1880.

Bachelor³⁸ landed here early this morning in a whaleboat and called for breakfast Cordelia and myself got their breakfast although I was scarcely able to do anything They went on over to the Cove and returned by noon and ate dinner and paid two dollars Capt P. is very sociable and his hair is as white as milk.

Saturday 31st

Morning cool and pleasant some wind south evening very windy and blustry as usual Dr. Lansdale and Thomas have set Monday to start across the mountains to meet the Immigrants Cordelia went home this evening I am getting well again perhaps only for a short period health and life is uncertain I never expect to enjoy good health and bodily strength as I have done. Although this is a healthy climate my constitution appears to be very much injured, but it is useless to repine. I have experienced the loss of relatives and now the loss of health; yet I might have still greater losses and troubles to bear with I must be resigned to the will of a Higher Power.

August. Sunday 1st

Last night appeared to be cold enough for frost This morning is the coldest we have had this Summer. day pleasant a good deal of west wind. This evening I received a letter from Mr. Ebey dated Portland July 21st he was well It was brought to Port Townsend by Mr. Pettigrove³⁹ and from there by Mr. Bonsel and Capt. Scott.⁴⁰ a little rain in the forenoon today.

Monday 2nd

Morning usually cool day pleasant light breeze west. Dr. Lansdale came over today to start this evening; but as we heard by Capt. Scott that the Scow is not far off on her way down they have concluded to wait its arrival as we expect it will bring satisfactory letters from the States.

Tuesday 3rd.

Weather still cool. we are not troubled but very little with musquetoos and flies The sea breeze is very pleasant in the mornings but in the evening it is very uncomfortable to persons who are not accustomed to it. Mr. Bonsel started to Victoria in company with Mr. Wilson They intend taking a job there of building a good house.

³⁸ Charles C. Bachelder. He filed a claim on Port Townsend in 1852 and with L. B. Hastings, A. A. Plummer and F. W. Pettygrove, became the founder of the city of that name.

³⁹ F. W. Pettygrove. He arrived at Port Townsend in November, 1851, where he took a claim on April 24, and, with C. C. Bachelder, A. A. Plummer and L. B. Hastings, became the founder of the city of that name.

⁴⁰ Identity not ascertained.

Wednesday 4th

Day cool Thermometer 60 degrees light wind south this morning towards evening the wind turned in the west and was very blustery The water very rough. John Bartlet staid here last night and left his lambs at home and this morning an Indian found one of them at the Bay and could not find the other supposed the indian dogs had killed it

Thursday 5th.

Morning very cool as usual. A good deal of west wind Vegetation is fresh and green yet growing as fast as ever; while reports say vegetation in every other portion of Oregon is dried up and dead The ground here continues moist through the dry season. Mr. Alexander has dug his well 60 ft. deep and has come to dry fine sand he has quit it. Thomas' well affords water enough for Mr. Smith's family to use we think after a while it will have plenty in it Thomas is halling house logs today no news of the Scow yet. A vessel passed this evening.

Friday 6th

Day pleasant A good breeze south today. Maj. Goldsborough⁴¹ and Capt. Howard came this morning on their way to Dargeon Ness. Mr. Starling and Louten. Dement took dinner here today They are on their way from Dongeon Ness⁴² and have taken Mr. Maddison⁴³ up for selling liquor to the Indians They have him here on the shore guarded by souldiers. He was here this evening a few minutes He looks very much distressed.

Saturday 7th

Morning not quite as cool as usual, and quite cloudy considerable west breeze today. Thomas and Dr. Lonsdale started to Olympia today and from thence they comeing back to the Mouth of the Snhomish river and are going up it as far as they can in a canoe and then take land and view out a road across the mountains to the mouth of the Umatilla. Those men are still camped on the beach except Mr. Maddison who they have sent up to Stillacoom to await his trial. this evening I received a letter from Mr. Ebey and one from Winfield stating that mother and brother John and James had started for this

⁴¹ Messrs. Goldsborough, Howard, Sterling and Dement were officers connected with the army or navy attached to Fort Stellacoom. Commander Louis M. Goldsborough, U. S. N., had come to the Sound in command of the *Massachusetts*, which brought troops and supplies for the founding of Fort Stellacoom. Lieutenant John Dement, U. S. A., First Artillery, had participated in the rescue of the ill-fated gold seekers captured by Haidah Indians on Queen Charlotte island, and had seized the Hudson's Bay Company's ship *Cadboro* for alleged infractions of the custom's laws.

⁴² New Dungeness.

⁴³ B. J. Madison. He took a claim at New Dungeness in March, 1852, and became the founder of that place.

country and that Martha was married on the 22 of April just before mother started and is not coming I am very sorry she is not coming but she may come next year. I am very much rejoiced to hear positive news of mother starting and hope she will get here safe.

Sunday 8th

Very cool this morning but not as cold as common. Wind west, very cloudy all day I have been all alone all day with the exception of Eason and Ellison's company John Barlet stays here of nights Those men on the beach started up this morning. I looked for some of Mr. Crocket's people over today but they have not come they certainly do not think of me living here alone day after day or some of them would visit me I am not able to walk so far to visit them and they are provided with wagons and horses so they can ride at any time. The water is very rough this evening. This is another Sabbath evening my mind reflects back to the time when I was happy in reading and singing and conversing face to face with my friends. I do not mean, I am unhappy here but I always feel lonely when Mr Ebey is gone which makes my mind meditate upon former scenes in my life when I had doting loving relatives all around me, a kind mother aunts sisters brothers and cousins and other relatives who would spare no pains in making me happy. Today I wrote a letter to Martha She is my only sister living I have another dear Sister in Heaven.

Monday 9th

Very cloudy and smoky all day today we cannot see any distance on the bay or in the prairie The weather is not quite as cold today as usual No person here all day but Eason Ellison and myself since morning. The children are busily engaged studying their books feeding and watering their calves and divers other little jobs all day.

Tuesday 10th

Very cloudy today and some rain Toward noon the wind raised from the south and blew very hard all day which is very disagreeable to us.

Wednesday 11th

Morning cloudy and warmer than it has been for some time. Mr. Ebey arrived this morning before breakfast; I was very much rejoiced to see him it was quite unexpected for him to return at this time as I expected Legislature would continue in Session longer than it did; yet I was very agreeably disappointed. I do not feel so lonely now every thing assumes a different aspect to what they did yesterday and other days.

Thursday 12th

Day unusually warm and somewhat smoky Samuel Crockett, Mr. Smith Mr. Howe and Mr. Holbrook were all here in the forenoon. All very anxious to hear the news from Mr. Ebey. Mr. Smith arrived at noon with his boat which is very much injured and will have to be mended.

Friday 13th

Weather warm and clear with the exception of some smoke. last night was the warmest night we have had here for two months. Mr. Ebey & Mr. Chatman⁴⁴ surveyed some yesterday but today Mr. Smith is mending his boat and they cannot get hands. All well. Mr. Alexander here this evening.

Sat. the 14th

Mr. Ebey is getting his claim surveyed today by Mr. Chatman. Capt. Bell, John Bartlet and John Alaxander are helping. this day is very warm. Mr. Hughs ate dinner here today.

Sunday 15th

Morneing clear and warm. Mr. Hughs & Smith Pettegrove Plumber⁴⁵ & Wilton all came here for breakfast— Pettigrove crazy after butter got some here went to Jno Crockett got some there returned Capt Bell, John and Jno Chapman bound for Port Townsend, all soon started— Day very pleasant Miss Smith and her little sister paid us a visit today, A Ship comeing up this evening all sails set—

Monday 16th

Morning cloudy with south wind; Dr. Tolmie,⁴⁶ his lady and two other ladies, His little boy and a little brotherinlaw were here today bound for Victoria. They only stopped for a few minutes. Mrs. T.

⁴⁴ John Butler Chapman. Besides being the co-founder with Lafayette Balch of Stellacoom and active politically, Chapman was noted for his ability as a surveyor. He was later engaged by William Fraser Tolmie to make surveys of all lands claimed by the Puget Sound Agricultural Company.

⁴⁵ A. A. Plummer. He took a claim on Port Townsend on April 24, 1851, and with C. C. Bachelder, L. B. Hastings and F. W. Pettygrove, became the founder of the city of that name.

⁴⁶ William Fraser Tolmie was born in Inverness, Scotland, and educated as a naturalist, which at that time included medicine. Botany was his favorite study. Through the patronage of Sir William Hooker, the famous naturalist, he secured, in 1832, an appointment with the Hudson's Bay Company, and, in company with another appointee, a Mr. Gairdner, also a naturalist, set sail from London, aboard the *Ganymede*, and arrived at Fort Vancouver on April 30, 1833. Here he received orders from Dr. McLoughlin to repair to Milbank Sound to assist in the founding of Fort McLoughlin. In 1834, he was surgeon with an expedition under Ogden to the Stikeen river, served at Fort Simpson, and went to Milbank Sound, where he remained until February, 1836, when he took up his abode at Fort Vancouver. Here he remained until 1840, when he was granted a year's leave of absence. The year 1841 he seems to have spent in organizing agricultural

is half indian but she shows but very little of the indian features and appears to be quite intelligent. She was educated by the Hudson B. C. in Victoria. The Dr. was very kind in leaving us a fine large piece of fresh beef as a present. a brig passing up.

Tuesday 17th

Day pleasant and clear until towards evening, when it looked very much like rain Mrs. Bonsel gave a great alarm of fire this morning The Indians had set fire not far far from the house and it was about to burn up the house . She moved her things out and sent all over the neighborhood for men but none could be found they were all off surveying and cutting timber & , towards night, the men came and I sent them up and they succeeded in getting the house out of danger.

Wednesday 18

Morning cloudy and considerable rain through the day Mr Chatman has surveyed all the claims of those who wish to survey at this time on the Island and has gone to Port Townsend in company with Capt. Bell and John Bartlet, to survey claims over there. A large brig passed up last evening just in the time of our trouble about the fire. We received another letter from Winfield and one from brother John. Himself mother, and James were as far as Kanessville on their way to Oregon the 21st of May, and the road was crowded with Immigrants.

Thursday 19

Rain more or less all night the ground this morning quite moist, showery all day— doing little or nothing today—pulled an Indians wool and kicked another ones bottom today for being impudent & saucy to R when I am absent— Day cloudy, drizzly & calm—

Friday 20

Day cloudy and warm vessel passed up today; not very well today.

establishments in the Willamette valley. In 1841, he sailed to England, where he remained until 1843, attending to the agricultural interests of the Company. During these years he had acquired a knowledge of Spanish, having in mind an appointment to the post at Yerba Buena, but upon his return to America was given the superintendency of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, instead. In 1859, he removed to Victoria, but continued to manage the affairs of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company until that company's interests were purchased by the United States government in the later sixties. Dr. Tolmie married the daughter of John Work, a clerk in the employe of the Company. His death occurred at Victoria in 1888.

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